

# Air Liquide donates respiratory equipment solutions to combat COVID-19 in Chile

**Air Liquide Chile has donated a total of 50 CPAPs and BIPAPs to Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública in Santiago for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.**

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, Air Liquide, a world leader in gases, technologies and services for industry and health, remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the healthcare communities in which it operates. Air Liquide Chile's donation of 40 CPAPs and 10 BIPAPs for a total of 50 respiratory equipment solutions that will be used as ventilators in the Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública in Santiago, Chile, will provide life-saving support for the most vulnerable COVID-19 patients.

The hospital serves the residents of Santiago, Estación Central, Cerrillos, Maipú and part of Pedro Aguirre Cerda neighborhoods, reaching more than 1 million people. Since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the hospital and its 4,600 staff members have added 200 patient beds dedicated to the assessment and treatment of COVID-19 patients. The equipment provided by Air Liquide Chile will be used as the first step in the hospital's new treatment regimen aimed at reducing the need for invasive ventilator support.

In addition to providing help to their patients, Air Liquide Chile has also donated nearly 500 face masks to help ensure the health and safety of healthcare providers and patients alike. As this global health crisis continues to evolve in Chile and throughout South America, Air Liquide stands ready and committed to reliably serve its customers, patients and partners during this challenging time.

**Martin Laguna**, Air Liquide Chile Managing Director commented: "*Air Liquide has been a trusted partner to customers and patients in Chile for over 25 years. Through VitalAire, our home healthcare unit, we have had the honor of caring for the oxygen needs of our patients and now, in this most difficult time of need, we are proud to support our community once more through the donation of 50 respiratory equipment solutions to Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública.*"

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A world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 67,000 employees and serves more than 3.7 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to be a leader in its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable, regular and responsible growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in

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healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to 22 billion euros in 2019 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.

## Air Liquide dona equipamiento respiratorio para combatir el COVID-19 en Chile

**Air Liquide Chile ha donado un total de 50 CPAPs y BPAPs al Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública en Santiago de Chile para el tratamiento de pacientes con COVID-19.**

A medida que el brote de COVID-19 continúa evolucionando, Air Liquide, líder mundial en gases, tecnologías y servicios para la industria y la salud, se mantiene firme en su compromiso de servir a las comunidades de atención médica en las que opera. La donación de Air Liquide Chile de 40 CPAPs y 10 BPAPs para un total de 50 equipos respiratorios se utilizarán como ventiladores no invasivos en el Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública en Santiago de Chile y proporcionarán un soporte vital para los pacientes con COVID-19 más vulnerables.

El hospital atiende a los residentes de Santiago, Estación Central, Cerrillos, Maipú y parte de los barrios de Pedro Aguirre Cerda, llegando a más de 1 millón de personas. Desde el comienzo del brote de coronavirus, el hospital y sus 4,600 miembros del staff han agregado 200 camas dedicadas a la evaluación y tratamiento de pacientes con COVID-19. El equipo provisto por Air Liquide Chile se usará como el primer paso en el nuevo protocolo de tratamiento del hospital destinado a reducir la necesidad de soporte ventilatorio invasivo.

Además de brindar ayuda a sus pacientes, Air Liquide Chile también ha donado cerca de 500 máscaras faciales para ayudar a garantizar la salud y la seguridad de los proveedores de atención médica y los pacientes por igual. A medida que esta crisis de salud global continúa evolucionando en Chile y en toda América del Sur, Air Liquide se mantiene listo y comprometido para servir de manera confiable a sus clientes, pacientes y socios durante este difícil momento.

**Martín Laguna**, Director General de Air Liquide Chile comentó: *"Air Liquide ha sido un socio confiable para clientes y pacientes en Chile por más de 25 años. A través de VitalAire, nuestra unidad de atención médica domiciliaria, hemos tenido el honor de atender las necesidades de oxígeno de nuestros pacientes y ahora, en este momento tan difícil de necesidad, estamos orgullosos de apoyar a nuestra comunidad una vez más a través de la donación de 50 equipos respiratorios al Hospital de Urgencia Asistencia Pública".*